

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

- a base game operable upon a wager;
- a triggering event associated with the base game;
- a bonus game operable upon the occurrence of the triggering event, said bonus game including a plurality of selections, said selections including at least one eliminator selection and at least three other selections, wherein, when the eliminator selection is picked in a play of the bonus game, at least one of the other selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the bonus game, and the remaining selections are available to be subsequently picked in said play of the bonus game;
- a display device adapted to display said selections, and, when one of the selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the bonus game, to display an indication of said eliminated selection; and
- an outcome of the bonus game adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one of the selections other than the eliminator selection.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of outcomes, wherein one of said outcomes is associated with each of the other selections.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the outcomes include a plurality of awards, wherein one of said awards is associated with each of the other selections.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the eliminated selection includes the lowest one of the awards.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the other selections include at least four other selections, and when the eliminator selection is picked, two of the other selections are eliminated.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein, when the eliminator selection is picked, all but at least two of the remaining selections are eliminated.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~which includes an outcome ~~outcome~~ associated with the eliminated selections ~~selection, wherein said outcome include~~includes a least-desirable lowest value outcome~~outcome~~.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the selections are player-selectable, and which includes at least one input device which enables the player to pick the selections.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of eliminated selections is based on the total number of selections and the number of eliminator selections.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a bonus round₁ wherein the bonus game is one of a plurality of bonus games, and wherein the outcomes associated with the selections include advances accumulated in the bonus round.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, which includes a designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player accumulates a designated number of advances in the bonus round.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a game operable upon the occurrence of the triggering event, said game including a plurality of player selectable selections, said selections including at least one eliminator selection and at least three other selections, wherein, when a player picks the eliminator selection in a play of the game, at least one of the other selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, and the player is enabled to pick at least one of the remaining selections available to be picked in said play of the game;

at least one input device adapted to enable the player to pick the selections;

a display device adapted to display said selections, and when one of the selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, to display an indication of said eliminated selection; and

a plurality of outcomes, each outcome associated with one of the other selections other than the eliminator selection, wherein the outcome associated with the picked selection other than the eliminator selection is adapted to be provided to the player.

Claim 13 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the outcomes include a plurality of awards, wherein one of said awards is associated with each of the other selections.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the eliminated selection has the lowest one of the awards.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the number of eliminated selections is based on the number of selections.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the outcomes associated with the selections include advances accumulated in the game.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, which includes a designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player accumulates a designated number of advances in the game.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the game is one of a plurality of games, and includes a designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player accumulates a designated number of advances in the games.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a game including at least one eliminator selection and at least three non-eliminator selections, wherein when the eliminator selection is picked in a play of the game, at least one of the other selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, and the remaining selections are available to be picked in said play of the game;

at least one advancement associated with at least one of the non-eliminator selections, wherein said advancement is accumulated if said advancement is associated with a picked non-eliminator selection ~~is picked~~;

a display device adapted to display said selections and advancements, and, when one of the selections is picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, to display an indication of said eliminated selection; and

an award adapted to be provided to the player based on the accumulated number of advancements.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the award is provided to the player if a predetermined number of advancements are accumulated.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device including a game operable upon a wager, said method comprising:

- (a) displaying a plurality of selections;
- (b) enabling a player to pick one of said selections;
- (c) if the player picks an eliminator selection in a play of the game, ~~eliminating~~ picking at least one of the other selections to be eliminated from subsequently being picked in said play of the game, displaying an indication of the selection picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, and enabling the player to pick at least one of the remaining selections in said play of the game; and
- (d) providing an outcome to the player based on at least one of the player picked non-eliminator selections.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of Claim 21, wherein the outcome associated with at least one of the player picked non-eliminator selections includes an award.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of Claim 21, wherein the outcome associated with at least one of the player picked non-eliminator selections includes an advancement which is accumulated.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes eliminating the selection having the lowest value to the player.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 21, wherein the steps of (a) to (d) are provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 26 (original): The method of Claim 25, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device having a game upon a wager, said method comprising:

- (a) displaying a plurality of selections;
- (b) enabling a player to pick at least one of said selections;
- (c) if the player picks an eliminator selection in a play of the game, eliminating picking at least one of the other selections to be eliminated from being picked in said play of the game, displaying an indication of the selection picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, and enabling the player to pick from the remaining selections in said play of the game; and
- (d) providing to said player an advance associated with at least one of the remaining selections picked by the player, wherein an award is adapted to be provided to the player based on an accumulated number of advances.

Claim 28 (original): The method of Claim 27, which includes eliminating the selections having the lowest number of advances.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 27, wherein the steps of (a) to (d) are provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 30 (original): The method of Claim 29, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said ~~game~~gaming device comprising:

a display device controlled by the processor;

a game displayed by the display device;

a plurality of selections in said game, said selections including at least one eliminator selection and at least three other selections, wherein if the eliminator selection is picked in a play of the game, at least one of the other selections is picked to be eliminated from further selection in said play of said game, and at least one of the other selections is available to be subsequently picked in said play of the game, and the display device is adapted to display an indication of said eliminated selection; and

an outcome of the game adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one of the picked other selections.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 31, which includes a plurality of outcomes, wherein one of said outcomes is associated with each of the other selections.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 32, wherein the outcomes include a plurality of awards, wherein one of said awards is associated with each of the other selections.

Claim 34 (new): The gaming device of Claim 33, wherein the eliminated selection includes one of the lowest value awards.

Claim 35 (new): The gaming device of Claim 31, wherein the other selections include at least four other selections, and when the eliminator selection is picked, two of the other selections are eliminated.

Claim 36 (new): The gaming device of Claim 31, wherein, when the eliminator selection is picked, all but at least two of the remaining selections are eliminated.

Claim 37 (new): The gaming device of Claim 31, which includes an outcome associated with the eliminated selection, wherein said outcome includes lowest value outcomes.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 32, wherein the selections are player-selectable, and which includes at least one input device in communication with the processor and which enables the player to pick the selections.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 32, wherein the number of eliminated selections is based on the total number of selections and the number of eliminator selections.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device including a game operable upon a wager, said method comprising:

- (a) displaying a plurality of selections;
- (b) causing a pick of at least one of said selections;
- (c) if an eliminator selection is picked in a play of the game,

~~eliminating~~ picking at least one of the other selections to be eliminated from subsequently being picked in said play of the game,

(i) displaying an indication of the selection picked to be eliminated in said play of the game, and

(ii) causing a pick of at least one of the remaining selections in said play of the game; and

(d) providing an outcome to the player based on at least one of the picked selections.